

REMARKS

Claims 7-27 and 31 are pending (claim 31 being added by this amendment). Applicants have amended claim 7, support for which can be found at least on page 8, lines 12-13, on page 12, lines 8-20, and in original claims 16, 17 and 19.

Applicants have amended claim 13, support for which can be found at least on page 9, line 19 to page 10, line 10.

Applicants have amended claim 25 to express the flexural modulus values as a percentage of the flexural modulus of the PEBAX 70D 100% formulation (i.e., 15.7 gram/mm) disclosed on page 22, line 11. The modulus values from the three point bend test, disclosed on page 22, lines 11-13, are expressed as a percentage to make the values comparable to modulus values that would have been produced using the ASTM test (which provides modulus in Pa or psi).

Applicants have amended claim 27, support for which can be found at least on page 12, lines 8-20, page 9, line 16 to page 10, line 3, and page 10, lines 5-10. Applicants have added new claim 31, support for which can be found at least on page 12, lines 12-13. Claims 7-27 and 31 are pending (claim 31 being added by this amendment).

Applicants have amended the specification at pages 13-14 to provide antecedent basis for the dual wall thickness values of claim 26.

Applicants have amended the specification to make the header of Table 2 consistent with the blend composition disclosed in Example 2. Support for the

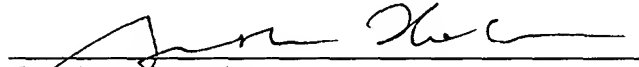
amendment to the header of Table 2 can be found on page 17, lines 3-5, disclosing that the blend was 40% PEBAX 70D and 60% PEBAX 63D.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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